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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS/CASH COURIERS: DUTCH ANTI-CASH  
SMUGGLING REGIME

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[1](#)B. THE HAGUE 345

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[1](#)1. (SBU) Summary. The Dutch implemented on June 15  
cross-border reporting requirements for travelers carrying  
currency in excess of 10,000 euros. GONL deployment of dogs  
at road checks and key air and sea ports to interdict cash  
smuggling had already been catching some 30 cash smugglers  
annually at Schiphol airport. Post works with host country

interlocutors regarding cash smuggling on a regular basis and through its Law Enforcement Working Group process. End Summary.

¶2. (SBU) Econoff discussed on November 7 reftel request for additional information on host countries' bulk cash smuggling regimes with Paul ten Westeneind, Policy Officer, Integrity Division, Dutch Ministry of Finance (MOF). Econoff shared reftel separately with members of Post's Law Enforcement Working Group (LEWG).

¶3. (SBU) Ten Westeneind said the Dutch "Implementing Law for EU Regulation 1889/2005 on Liquid Assets Control" came into force June 15. According to the law, persons entering or leaving the European Community must declare cash or monetary instruments in excess of 10,000 euros to the Netherlands Tax and Customs Administration (Belastingdienst).

While the EU regulation requires that the information be provided in writing, orally, or electronically, the Dutch consider electronic declarations insufficient and require the use of a declaration form. The Belastingdienst collects the information and reports it annually to the Office for Disclosure of Unusual Transactions (MOT), the Dutch Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU).

¶4. (SBU) According to ten Westeneind, the MOF has no statistics on investigations and prosecutions as the law is new and the Dutch are in the first reporting cycle. Prosecutions for non-residents are difficult, he said, as

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they could leave after the money is seized. Ten Westeneind also expressed concern that en-route travelers not caught by the Belastingdienst could escape prosecution, as they would no longer be in the Netherlands by the time the FIU received its reports.

¶5. (SBU) On cash courier interdiction, ten Westeneind said the Belastingdienst had deployed "cash-sniffing" dogs to air and sea ports. This program -- in place before EU Regulation 1889/2005 came into effect -- has caught about 30 cash smugglers each year at Schiphol alone, he added. In 2006, dogs found 4 million euros hidden in passenger luggage at Schiphol. Ten Westeneind noted dogs are also being used at Royal Netherlands Marechaussee (KMAR) road checks, where they detect smuggled cash, people, and drugs (see The Hague 00345 for more information on the dog program or KMAR's role). There are, however, no border-based controls because of freedom of movement within the EU, ten Westeneind said.

¶6. (SBU) Post engages regularly with GONL law enforcement counterparts. During an October 25-26 Law Enforcement "Next Steps" conference, USG and GONL attendees welcomed more cooperation in the area of cash couriers. LEWG members engage regularly with a wide variety of Dutch agencies, including KMAR and the MOT, on law enforcement issues including cash couriers. Post will continue to follow up and report on any substantive actions taken.  
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